

B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE - GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS CONCENTRATION

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (https://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		
Academic Foundations		
	First Year Experience requirement	4
	English Composition requirement	6-7
	Mathematics requirement	3-4
	Interdisciplinary requirement	3
	Diverse Communities requirement	3
	Ethics requirement	3
Distributed Disciplinary Foundations		
	Science requirement	6-8
	Behavioral & Social Science requirement	6
	Humanities requirement	6
	Arts requirement	3
ADDITIONAL BACCALAUREATE REQUIREMENTS (https://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		
University Requirements		
	Writing Emphasis requirement	9
	Speaking Emphasis requirement	9
Degree Requirements		
	Language/Culture requirement	0-15
	Demonstrating language proficiency through the intermediate level (202) or demonstrating language proficiency through the elementary II (102) level of a language and further acquiring a cultural foundation.	
	Capstone requirement	1-15
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS		
Core Courses		
With the exception of the Capstone Seminar, the core courses (15 credits) should be taken during the first and second year.		
PSC 100	United States Government and Politics	3
PSC 200	Political Analysis	3
PSC 213	International Relations	3
PSC 230	Introduction to Political Thought	3
PSC 240	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
Additional 200-level Elective		
Select one course: ¹		3
PSC 201	Politics of Diversity in the U.S.	
PSC 202	Elements of Public Administration	
PSC 250	The Politics of the Judicial Process	
PSC 255	State and Local Government	
Institutions of American Government		
Select two courses:		6
PSC 324	U.S. Political Parties	
PSC 338	U.S. Political Thought	
PSC 350	Constitutional Law I: Government Institutions: Power and Constraints	

PSC 352	Constitutional Law II: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	
PSC 355	Congressional Politics	
PSC 359	Presidential Politics	
Political Behavior		
Select two courses:		6
PSC 301	Gender and Politics	
PSC 322	Public Opinion, Media and Politics	
PSC 323	Racial/Ethnic Politics	
PSC 325	Campaigns and Elections	
PSC 329	Courts, Law and Policy	
PSC 339	Contemporary Political Thought	
PSC 353	Latinx Politics	
Public Policy		
Select two courses: ¹		6
PSC 304	Urban Politics	
PSC 320	U.S. Foreign Policy	
PSC 335	Pennsylvania Government & Politics	
PSC 351	Energy and the Political Process	
PSC 354	Sustainability Politics and Policy	
PSC 356	US Social Policy	
Additional Upper-level Elective		
Select an internship or additional 300-level course from above. ¹		3-15
PSC 412	Internship In Political Science	
Capstone Requirement ²		
PSC 401	Senior Project in Political Science	3
or PSC 402	Advanced Political Analysis	
Total Minimum Credits Required		120

¹ Students interested in the MPA Accelerated Program should see the suggested course substitutions below.

² These courses fulfill the Capstone requirement.

Accelerated B.A. in Political Science - Government and Politics Concentration to the Master of Public Administration Program

Any Political Science major with a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher who has completed at least 90 credits may substitute up to 12 credits of graduate coursework in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program to satisfy course requirements for the B.A. in Political Science - Government and Politics Concentration. Those credits will also apply toward the MPA program. Students must apply to the MPA program after successful completion of 90 undergraduate credits with a 3.0 minimum GPA. If accepted, the student will receive conditional acceptance to the MPA program contingent on successful completion of their undergraduate degree.

Code	Title	Credits
Additional 200-level Elective		
PPA 500	Foundations of Public Service	3
Public Policy		
PPA 504	Public Human Resource Management	3
Additional Upper-Level Elective		
PPA 501	Analysis and Decision Making I	3
Free Elective		
PPA 502	Analysis and Decision Making II	3

Sample Course Plan

To track their individual degree progress, students are advised to access their Degree Audit via RamPortal regularly. For more information, visit the Degree Audit FAQ webpage (<https://www.wcupa.edu/academicEnterpriseSystems/student-system-modernization/degree-audit-faqs.aspx>).

The following is a sample suggested course sequence for this program; course offerings and availability are not guaranteed. Students should consult their academic advisor with any questions.

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Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
PSC 100	United States Government and Politics	3
WRT 120	Effective Writing I	3
FYE XXX	First-Year Experience	4
Language 101		3
Humanities Gen Ed		3
Credits		16
Spring		
MAT 121	Introduction to Statistics I	3
WRT 2XX	200-Level WRT Course	3
Language 102		3
Behavioral & Social Science Gen Ed		3
Speaking Emphasis Gen Ed		3
Credits		15
Year Two		
Fall		
PSC 230	Introduction to Political Thought	3
PSC 240	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
Language 201 (or culture cluster)		3
Arts Gen Ed		3
Science Gen Ed		3
Credits		15
Spring		
PSC 200	Political Analysis	3
PSC 213	International Relations	3
Language 202 (or culture cluster)		3
Interdisciplinary Gen Ed		3
Behavioral & Social Science Gen Ed		3
Credits		15
Year Three		
Fall		
PSC 3XX	Political Behavior Course	3
PSC 3XX	Institutional Course in Group B	3
Science Gen Ed		3
Humanities Gen Ed		3
Elective or Culture Cluster		3
Credits		15
Spring		
PSC 3XX	Institutional Course in Group B	3
PSC 3XX	Behavior Course in Group C	3
PSC XXX	Government and Politics Policy Course in Group D	3
Ethics Gen Ed		3

Diverse Communities Gen Ed		3
Credits		15
Year Four		
Fall		
PSC 401	Senior Project in Political Science	3
PPA 500	Foundations of Public Service	3
PPA 501	Analysis and Decision Making I	3
Speaking Emphasis Gen Ed		3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Spring		
PSC XXX	Government and Politics Policy Course in Group D	3
PPA 502	Analysis and Decision Making II	3
PPA 504	Public Human Resource Management	3
Speaking Emphasis Gen Ed		3
Elective or 300-Level Writing Emphasis Course if not already completed		3
Credits		15
Summer Session I		
PPA 601	Public Policy and Administration Internship	3
PPA XXX	Public Policy Elective	3
Credits		6
Summer Session II		
PPA XXX	Public Policy Elective	3
Credits		3
Year Five		
Fall		
PPA 503	Public Budgeting & Finance	3
PPA 506	Foundations in Nonprofit Administration	3
PPA XXX	Public Policy Elective	3
Credits		9
Spring		
PPA 505	Public Sector Organization Theory	3
PPA 600	Capstone Seminar in Public Administration	3
PPA XXX	Public Policy Elective	3
Credits		9
Total Credits		148